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July 01, 2014

The Honorable Board of Supervisors  
County of Los Angeles  
383 Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration  
500 West Temple Street  
Los Angeles, California 90012

Dear Supervisors:

**ADOPTED**

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

24 July 1, 2014

*Sachi A. Hamai*  
SACHI A. HAMAI  
EXECUTIVE OFFICER

**AWARD OF VARIOUS PUBLIC WORKS CONSTRUCTION AND  
MAINTENANCE SERVICE CONTRACTS IN THE  
CITIES OF CARSON AND GLENDORA AND IN VARIOUS CITIES AND  
UNINCORPORATED COMMUNITIES WITHIN THE  
SANTA CLARA RIVER WATERSHED  
(SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICTS 2, 3, AND 5)  
(3 VOTES)**

**SUBJECT**

This action is to award public works construction and maintenance service contracts and authorize the Chief Engineer or her designee to execute construction and maintenance service contracts for work in the Cities of Carson and Glendora and in various cities and unincorporated communities within the Santa Clara River Watershed.

**IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT THE BOARD ACTING AS THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY FLOOD CONTROL DISTRICT:**

Award and authorize the Chief Engineer or her designee to execute construction and maintenance services contracts and establish the effective dates following receipt of approved Faithful Performance and Labor and Material Bonds and insurance certificates filed by contractors for the following:

- Project ID No. FCC0001244 – Reconstruct Private Drain No. T669 Access Road and Little Dalton Diversion Access Road, to reconstruct the existing flood control channel access roads, in the Cities of Carson and Glendora, to Los Angeles Engineering, Inc., in the amount of \$198,945; and
- Project ID No. FMD0003161 – Catch Basin Cleanout 2014, Santa Clara River Watershed, et al., to

clean approximately 10,600 catch basins in various cities and unincorporated communities within the Santa Clara River Watershed, et al., to Ronnie Norman dba, Ron's Maintenance, in the amount of \$148,400.

### **PURPOSE/JUSTIFICATION OF RECOMMENDED ACTION**

The purpose of the recommended actions is to obtain approval of the projects from the Board, acting as the governing body of the Los Angeles County Flood Control District (LACFCD), to award these construction and maintenance service contracts and authorize the Chief Engineer or her designee to execute the contracts and establish the effective contract dates following receipt of approved Faithful Performance and Labor and Material Bonds and insurance certificates filed by the contractors for each of these projects.

On March 4, 2014, Agenda Item 32, and April 8, 2014, Agenda Item 42, the Board approved the projects; adopted the plans and specifications; called for bids to be received on April 15, 2014, and May 6, 2014, respectively; and instructed the Executive Officer of the Board of Supervisors to advertise the projects.

The project descriptions, call for bids and bid opening dates, tabulation of bids, and financial information are included in the enclosures for each respective project. The certified record of receipt of bids and the original bid proposals for each project are also enclosed.

The recommended award of construction and maintenance service contracts are necessary to execute Board-directed and approved Department of Public Works projects in support of operational missions. The Board's approval of the recommended contract awards and the subsequent execution of the contracts will ensure the timely completion of the projects.

### **Implementation of Strategic Plan Goals**

The Countywide Strategic Plan directs the provisions of Operational Effectiveness (Goal 1) and Integrated Services Delivery (Goal 3). Awarding these contracts will provide improved infrastructure to better serve the public and enhance the quality of life in the affected cities and communities.

### **FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING**

These actions will have no impact to the County General Fund.

The enclosure for each project includes the amount of the recommended contract as compared with the engineer's estimate, the other bids received, and more detailed fiscal and financial information.

Sufficient funds for Project ID Nos. FCC0001244 and FMD0003161 are included in the Fiscal Year 2013-14 Flood Control District Fund Budget.

### **FACTS AND PROVISIONS/LEGAL REQUIREMENTS**

The contract agreements will be in the form previously reviewed and approved as to form by County Counsel. The recommended contracts were solicited on an open-competitive basis and are in accordance with applicable Federal, State, and County requirements. The contractors are in compliance with the Chief Executive Officer's and the Board's requirements.

The award of these contracts will not result in unauthorized disclosure of confidential information and will be in full compliance with Federal, State, and County regulations. These contracts contain terms and conditions supporting the Board's ordinances, policies, and programs including, but not limited to: the County's Greater Avenues for Independence and General Relief Opportunities for Work Programs (GAIN and GROW), Board Policy No. 5.050; Contract Language to Assist in Placement of Displaced County Workers, Board Policy No. 5.110; Reporting of Improper Solicitations, Board Policy No. 5.060; Notice to Contract Employees of Newborn Abandonment Law (Safely Surrendered Baby Law), Board Policy No. 5.135; Contractor Employee Jury Service Program, Los Angeles County Code, Chapter 2.203; Notice to Employees Regarding the Federal Earned Income Credit (Federal Income Tax Law, Internal Revenue Service Notice 1015); Contractor Responsibility and Debarment, Los Angeles County Code, Chapter 2.202; the County's Child Support Compliance Program, Los Angeles County Code, Chapter 2.200; the County's Defaulted Property Tax Reduction Program Ordinance, Los Angeles County Code, Chapter 2.206; Local Business Enterprise Preference Program, Los Angeles County Code, Chapter 2.204; and the standard Board directed clauses that provide for contract termination or renegotiation.

The State Public Contract Code requires the LACFCD to award construction contracts to a responsible contractor with the lowest responsive bid, which is defined as the firm that: (1) submits the bid with the lowest cost; (2) is deemed by the LACFCD to be responsive to specific criteria under the solicitation including, but not limited to, licensure, bonding, and insurance requirements; and (3) is determined by the LACFCD to be a responsible bidder by exhibiting the capability, capacity, experience, trustworthiness, and financial wherewithal to perform the work required under the bid solicitation.

To ensure the contracts are awarded to a responsible contractor with a satisfactory history of performance, bidders are required to report violations of the False Claims Act, criminal convictions, civil litigation, defaulted contracts with the LACFCD, complaints filed with the Contractor's State License Board, labor law/payroll violations, and debarment actions. As provided for in Board Policy No. 5.140, the information reported by each respective contractor was considered before making this recommendation to award.

The plans and specifications include the contractual provisions, methods, and material requirements necessary for these projects and are on file with Public Works.

### **ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENTATION**

Each of these projects was found to be categorically exempt from the provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act at the time the Board called for bids. The specifics of these findings are included in the enclosure for each project.

### **CONTRACTING PROCESS**

The contracts were solicited on an open-competitive basis in accordance with the provisions of the State Public Contract Code.

The State Labor Code requires contractors to pay prevailing wage rates to all persons employed on public works construction contracts. These rates are determined by the Department of Industrial Relations and include contributions for fringe benefits such as vacations, pension funds, training, and

health plans for each employee.

To further increase contractor awareness of contracting opportunities with Public Works, these projects were listed on the County website for upcoming bids. Public Works will review and approve the Faithful Performance and payment bonds filed by the contractors.

**IMPACT ON CURRENT SERVICES (OR PROJECTS)**

These construction and maintenance service contracts will result in improved public works infrastructure in the cities and communities where the work is scheduled

**CONCLUSION**

Please return one adopted copy of this letter to the Department of Public Works, Construction Division.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Gail Farber".

GAIL FARBER

Director

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Enclosures

c: Chief Executive Office (Rita Robinson)  
County Counsel  
Executive Office  
Internal Services Department (Countywide  
Contract Compliance)

AWARD OF CONTRACT  
July 1, 2014

PROJECT ID NO. FCC0001244 – Reconstruct Private Drain No. T669 Access Road and Little Dalton Diversion Access Road, (in the Cities of Carson and Glendora), Supervisorial Districts 2 and 5.

TYPE OF WORK: Reconstruction of existing flood control channel access roads and the performance of other appurtenant work.

CALL FOR BIDS DATE: March 4, 2014 (Agenda Item 32)

BID OPENING DATE: April 15, 2014

BID SUMMARY:

Low	Los Angeles Engineering, Inc. 633 North Barranca Avenue Covina, California 91723 (626) 454-5222	\$198,945.00
2	Terra Pave, Inc.	\$218,650.00
3	Lee Construction Co.	\$233,688.00
4	Vido Samarzich, Inc.	\$244,680.00
5	Excel Paving Company	\$258,190.00
6	Rio Jordan Construction, Inc.	\$258,517.75

FINANCIAL INFORMATION:

Amount of estimate	\$246,030.00
Amount of recommended contract	\$198,945.00
Amount of recommended contract below estimate	\$ 47,085.00

The amount of the recommended contract is 19 percent below the estimate.

Funding for this project is included in the Fiscal Year 2013-14 Flood Control District Fund Budget.

ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT:

On March 4, 2014, Agenda Item 32, the Board found this project to be categorically exempt from the provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act.

CONSTRUCTION SCHEDULE:

The contract specifications require the work to be completed in 25 working days. It is estimated the work will start in August 2014 and be completed in September 2014.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

Los Angeles Engineering's industrial safety record indicates a fatality in the preceding calendar year. The accident occurred in March 2013 in Pacific Palisades on a Los Angeles City Public Works project. While operating a backhoe the trench in close proximity collapsed overturning the backhoe and burying the operator. CalOSHA's investigation of the accident resulted in the issuance of citations. Los Angeles Engineering has appealed the citations. The appeals are still pending and no hearing date has been set. Los Angeles Engineering continues its efforts to constantly improve and enhance its safety program through safety training, site safety inspections, and program enforcement.

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AWARD OF CONTRACT  
July 1, 2014

PROJECT ID NO. FMD0003161 – Catch Basin Cleanout 2014, Santa Clara River Watershed, et al., (in various cities and unincorporated communities within the Santa Clara River Watershed), Supervisorial Districts 3 and 5.

TYPE OF WORK: Cleaning of approximately 10,600 catch basins.

CALL FOR BIDS DATE: April 8, 2014 (Agenda Item 42)

BID OPENING DATE: May 6, 2014

BID SUMMARY:

Low	+Ronnie Norman dba, Ron's Maintenance 11542 Horley Avenue Downey, California 90241 (213) 359-3827	\$148,400.00
2	+Clean Environmental, Inc.	\$153,700.00
3	J & G Maintenance Service	\$172,250.00
4	Martinez Landscaping Co., Inc.	\$318,000.00
	+LSBE	

FINANCIAL INFORMATION:

Amount of estimate	\$148,400.00
Amount of recommended contract	\$148,400.00
Amount of recommended contract below estimate	\$ 0.00

The amount of recommended contract is 0.00 percent below the estimate.

Sufficient funds for this project are available in the Flood Control District Fund Fiscal Year 2013-14 Budget.

ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT:

On April 8, 2014, Agenda Item 42, the Board found this project categorically exempt from the provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act.

CONSTRUCTION SCHEDULE:

The contract specifications require the work to be completed in 50 working days. It is estimated that the work will start in July 2014 and be completed in September 2014.

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